

March 25, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SUBJECT: HEARING ON EXTENSION OF INTERIM ORDINANCE
NO. 2002-0031U WHICH TEMPORARILY PROHIBITS THE
PLACEMENT OR ENLARGEMENT OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING
SIGNS IN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE COUNTY
OF LOS ANGELES (4-VOTES).**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Adopt the attached Interim Ordinance extending Interim Ordinance No. 2002-0031U for a period of one year.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

With the adoption of Interim Ordinance No. 2002-0031U, the Board found that future development of outdoor advertising signs in the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles may impact the aesthetic quality of neighborhoods by creating visual blight, hazards to motorists and pedestrians and detracts from the appearance of such neighborhoods as places to shop, work and live. The Board also directed that the Department of Regional Planning prepare a comprehensive zoning study to consider possible permanent zoning ordinance amendments establishing additional land use controls regulating outdoor advertising signs. The zoning study has been prepared. The extension of Interim Ordinance No. 2002-0031U, will allow the Board sufficient time to review the study and prepare any permanent changes to the zoning ordinance.

JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The urgency measure will expire on May 14, 2003, unless extended by Board action after review of a report required by statute that describes the continuation of conditions, which precipitated the adoption of Interim Ordinance No. 2002-0031U.

The report submitted to you by the Department of Regional Planning on January 13, 2003 indicates that the conditions justifying the adoption of an urgency measure still exist. If the Interim Ordinance is not extended, the proliferation of outdoor advertising signs may continue resulting in uses established which may conflict with any permanent revisions to the zoning ordinance.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Pursuant to Section 65858 of the Planning and Zoning Law (Title 7 of the California Government Code), Interim Ordinance No. 2002-0031U was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 14, 2002. The urgency measure temporarily prohibited the placement or enlargement of outdoor advertising signs in the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles. It was extended by Interim Ordinance No. 2002-0045U on June 25, 2002 for a period of ten (10) and one half months. State law permits an additional 12-month extension subsequent to the original ten and one half months extension.

In view of the approaching expiration date, it is recommended that the Interim Ordinance be extended for one year as provided in Section 65858. Notice will be given pursuant to Section 65090 of the Government Code. This extension will prevent a lapse of interim provisions prior to the adoption and effective date of any permanent zoning ordinance change to address outdoor advertising sign proliferation and impacts associated with outdoor advertising signs in the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles.

Extension of this ordinance requires that the Board conduct a public hearing at which time the ordinance may be extended by not less than a four-fifths vote. Publication of a notice of public hearing is required not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing date.

This proposed Interim Ordinance has been reviewed by County Counsel. A suggested notice of public hearing and a list of persons to be notified are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

James E. Hartl, AICP
Director of Planning

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Attachments: Interim Ordinance extension
Sample public hearing notice

c: Peter Gutierrez, Senior Deputy County Counsel

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED EXTENSION OF
INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 2002-0031U

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Board of Supervisors, in Room 381, Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California at **9:30 a.m., on April 22, 2003**, pursuant to Government Code Section 65858, to hear testimony relative to the extension of Interim Ordinance No. 2002-0031U for a period of twelve months.

Said ordinance temporarily prohibits the placement or enlargement of outdoor advertising signs in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles.

Written comments may be sent to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors at the above address. If you do not understand this notice or need additional information, please call Mr. Alex Garcia at (213) 974-6483 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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Si no entiende este aviso ó necesita más información, llame a (213) 974-6453.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER-CLERK OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS